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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
HELENA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYANT NICHOLAS ESPINOZA,

Defendant.

**CR 24-26-BMM**

**DEFENDANT ESPINOZA'S  
MOTION TO CHANGE PLEA  
FROM NOT GUILTY TO GUILTY  
WITH A PLEA AGREEMENT**

**MOTION**

COMES NOW Defendant Bryant Nicholas Espinoza, by and through his undersigned counsel, Chad Wright, and the Federal Defenders of Montana, and respectfully advises that he has reached a plea agreement with the United States.

The agreement involving Mr. Espinoza's intention to plead guilty to Count I of the Indictment, which charges the crime of possession of a firearm in a school

zone, in violation of 18 USC §922(g)(2)(A), has been signed by Mr. Espinoza, his counsel, and government counsel and has been filed with the Court. The plea agreement need not be filed under seal.

Based on the foregoing notice of intention, Mr. Espinoza requests that the Court set down a convenient time for a change of plea hearing and vacate the evidentiary hearing set for February 27, 2025, the trial set for March 4, 2025, and all associated deadlines previously ordered by the Court on December 24, 2024 (ECF No. 18).

### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Mr. Espinoza respectfully requests that the Court set down a convenient time for a change of plea hearing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

/s/ Chad Wright  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
L.R. 5.2(b)**

I hereby certify that on February 13, 2025, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following persons by the following means:

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